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Re: Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition

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Thu, Jun 9, 2016 at 2:17 PM

To: val w <[redacted]>, Steve Houchin <steve.houchin@lacity.org>, Dave Cordova <31646@lapd.lacity.org>, Nikki Ezhari <nikki.ezhari@lacity.org>

Hello Valerie:

Thank you for reaching out. I am aware of the food coalition and the help they provide, as well as the collateral issues that come from the help. It is definitely a very difficult situation for all involved agencies.

The actual truck serves food within the Hollywood Division (the Neighborhood Prosecutor for that area is Steven Houchin, and I have included him on this email). However, the area you are referencing as your residence falls within Wilshire division. As such, this is a concern both Steve and I share. I just touched base with Steve, and we believe the best route is to meet with the concerned community members (such as yourself), and get a full and complete understanding as to the issues caused to the community. Thereafter, we can hopefully reach out to the coalition to see if they can help alleviate those issues, as well as other City agencies.

I have also included Senior Lead Officer Dave Cordova, and Council District 4's office, through their representative Nikki Ezhari, on this email as they have assisted in the past with this issue.

In regards to the aforementioned plan, would you have any suggestions for how to best reach out the concerned community members that are concerned? Would you have some of the contacts? If not, I am sure the Council Office, or the Senior Lead Officer can help in obtaining the information.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Nooshi Zahiri

On Wed, Jun 8, 2016 at 4:43 PM, val w <[redacted]> wrote:
Hello Ms. Zahiri,

I am not sure of the boundaries of your assigned area, but this is in regards to the Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition who meet every night at the corner of Sycamore Ave and Romaine St (Not in West Hollywood at all) and feed more than 100 transients curbside out of a truck. When the feeding is done, the transients head into our neighborhood which is south of Willoughby, east of La Brea and west of Highland Ave. Although GWHFC 'promised' to make certain that they leave the area clean, these transients continuously leave filth, trash, used needles, and yes, feces strewn about our area. This is unacceptable. The 'Director' of this untoward food line, Ted Landreth, takes NO responsibility for the fallout of this organization, and blames the neighbors for not 'wanting the food line in their area'. He has gotten away with this for years.

Further, on Wednesday evenings, a van from UCLA sets up tables, tents, chairs, etc on Sycamore ave and Romaine, blocking the public right of way. Bureau of Street Services have been contacted about this perpetual violation, and claim they do not have an evening investigator.

Please, on behalf of the area, is there anything that can be done to cease this operation? If this area is out of your territory, can you please send along the name and contact info of the person who covers this area?

Thank you.

Valarie

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